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Dear Interested Party:

This letter is in regard to scattering ashes or cremains within Yellowstone National Park boundaries. The conditions pertaining to this activity are outlined in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.62 (b), which states: "the scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit, or in designated areas according to conditions which may be established by the Superintendent."

In Yellowstone National Park, human ashes may be distributed only in undeveloped areas of the park; that is, not near any developed location, such as a road, building, parking lot, campground, etc.

The Visitor Service's Office, at (307) 344-2107, is to be notified of the exact area where ashes will be disbursed and the date and time the activity will take place.

The use of aircraft to scatter ashes shall be in accordance with regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration. In the park, a 500' Above Ground Level (AGL) distance must be maintained over undeveloped areas and a 1,000' AGL and a horizontal distance of 1,000' must be maintained over developed areas. Pilots are required to contact Yellowstone Fire Dispatch at (307) 344-2181, 2188, or 2180 prior to flight for aviation safety purposes.

This letter serves as the permit required by the citation referenced above. Instructions regarding location and notification will serve as the terms and conditions required by the citation.

This letter or a copy thereof must be in the possession of at least one member of the party when human ashes are scattered in the park.

Sincerely,

Rick Obernesser  
Chief Ranger